

Introductory Lesson - Membean Day One

Version 1.4

Lesson Length: 60 minutes (scroll to page 4 for the 30-minute abridged version)

Grade Levels: Middle/High School

Rationale

Vocabulary is an essential component of a student's academic, personal, and occupational success. This lesson introduces students to Membean in a way that encourages them to maximize their use of the program. Students will engage in a variety of activities including reflection, collaboration, and independent study to consider the role of vocabulary in their lives.

Essential Question

Why is vocabulary important, and how can we improve it?

Student Objective

Students will be able to take ownership of their vocabulary as they begin their Membean journeys.

Academic Vocabulary

Calibration, fluency, memory strength, retention

Materials

1:1 devices, class codes, 5 posters labeled with correlating bell work questions, marker or writing utensil for each student, introductory slideshow, audio, projector

*Remote teaching: screen share capabilities and digital "posters" (dedicated spaces where students can submit their original ideas and comment on their classmates' ideas)

Preparation Checklist

Be sure to complete these steps before beginning this lesson with your students!

- Make a copy of the slideshow so you can edit it with your class information.
- Review the Teacher Tips in the speaker notes throughout the slideshow.
- Create your bell work posters and hang them throughout the room. Teaching remotely? Create a digital version of posters so that students can share their responses.
- Create your classes on Membean. Click [here](#) for help creating your first class.



- ❑ Collect your class codes. You will have one for each class. Enter the code on slide 10. Click [here](#) for enrollment help.
- ❑ Determine the length of time you'd like your students to train today. Enter it on slide 12.
- ❑ If your school has Google-SSO enabled, delete slide 15. If your school does not have Google-SSO enabled, delete slide 16.
- ❑ Fill in your expectations and goals surrounding training cycles, days per cycle, minutes per day, and dubious minutes on slide 17.
- ❑ Fill in your grading policy on slide 18.

Lesson Procedures

Bell Work (5-10 min):

Students should reflect on the following questions. Have them organize their ideas into a thoughtful response. Clarify your length requirement and how many of the questions you would like them to touch on in their responses.

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word *vocabulary*?
2. What are some of your favorite vocabulary activities? Least favorite?
3. What is your favorite word? Why?
4. What is the best way to improve your vocabulary?
5. Why might having a strong vocabulary be beneficial?

Primary Learning Activities (30-40 min):

Students will participate in a gallery walk and discussion to begin thinking about the value of vocabulary. They will get an overview of Membean followed by their enrollment and calibration. Students will have the opportunity to conduct their first training session and discuss that experience. Finally, they will explore the Student Dashboard.

1. **Gallery Walk:** Hang a poster for each question from the bell work. Spread the posters around the room to give students ample space. Set a timer for 5-10 minutes total. During the allotted time, students will rotate through the posters and add their thoughts related to each question.
2. **Discussion:** Once students have completed adding their responses, facilitate a whole class discussion about the highlights on each poster. Encourage all students to share. Focus on reasoning, especially for #5. Make sure students have hit on some of the main reasons for vocabulary's importance, such as self-expression and understanding, critical thinking and problem solving, reading comprehension, academic success, and occupational success.
3. **Introduce Membean:** Show the student introductory video and review the suggested study tips: learn bite-sized, mix it up, don't stress, and enjoy yourself.



4. **Student Enrollment:** Display the appropriate class code (slide 10). Have students follow the enrollment steps.
5. **Calibration & Training Session:** Review how calibration works and have students begin. Students should complete their first training session to get a feel for the program. Be sure you've entered how long they should train for on slide 12.
6. **Dashboard Exploration:** Play the Student Dashboard Tutorial video.
7. **Next Time:** Review how to log into Membean going forward.

Closing Activities (10 min):

1. Clarify your goals, expectations, and grading policies. Check out our [Training Recommendations](#).
2. 3-2-1 Exit Ticket: Students should write 3 things they learned today, 2 things they liked about Membean, and 1 question they have about the program.

Assessment & Evaluation

I will know my students “got it” if they...

- Wrote a thoughtful reflection during bell work
- Participated in the gallery walk and discussion
- Joined the right class on Membean
- Completed the calibration process
- Met the time expectation for today's training session
- Did not have any dubious minutes

Tight on time?

Keep scrolling to check out the abridged version of this lesson.

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Introductory Lesson - Membean Day One

Version 1.5

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Grade Levels: Middle/High School

Rationale

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Essential Question

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Student Objective

Students will be able to take ownership of their vocabulary as they begin their Membean journeys.

Academic Vocabulary

Calibration, fluency, memory strength, retention

Materials

1:1 devices, class codes, introductory slideshow, audio, projector

*Remote teaching: screen share capabilities

Preparation Checklist

Be sure to complete these steps before beginning this lesson with your students!

- Make a copy of the slideshow so you can update it with your class information.
- Review the Teacher Tips in the speaker notes throughout the slideshow.
- Create your classes on Membean. Click [here](#) for help creating your first class.
- Collect your class codes. You will have one for each class. Enter the code on slide 24. Click [here](#) for enrollment help.
- Fill in your expectations and goals surrounding training cycles, days per cycle, minutes per day, and dubious minutes on slide 27.
- Fill in your grading policy on slide 28.



Lesson Procedures

Bell Work (5 min):

Students should discuss the following questions with a partner.

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word *vocabulary*?
2. What is your favorite word? Why?
3. Why might having a strong vocabulary be beneficial?

Primary Learning Activities (15 min):

1. **Introduce Membean:** Show the video and review the suggested study tips: learn bite-sized, mix it up, don't stress, and enjoy yourself.
2. **Student Enrollment:** Display the appropriate class code. Have students follow the enrollment steps.
3. **Calibration & Training Session:** Discuss how calibration works and have students begin. Students should complete a 5-minute training session.

Closing Activities (10 min):

1. Clarify your goals, expectations, and grading policies.
2. 3-2-1 Exit Ticket: Students should write 3 things they learned today, 2 things they liked about Membean, and 1 question they have about the program.

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